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Embassy Warsaw has the following responses to Reftel A query:

[1](#)A. (SBU) EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS' REACTIONS TO RECENT AFGHAN
DRUG ISSUES.

--Post does not believe that these issues will impact GOP's
perceptions about troops' roles in Afghanistan. The GOP has
committed 1,200 troops to the NATO force for 2007 and this
commitment is unchanged.

--Polish troops have thus far not been involved in
counternarcotics efforts in Afghanistan and Post does not
believe that recent issues will change this one way or the
other.

[1](#)B. (U) AFGHANISTAN'S INCREASED OPIUM CULTIVATION IMPACT ON
POLAND.

-- Increased Afghan production has/has translated into
increased heroin transit and usage in Poland. During all of
2005 Polish authorities seized 41.1 kg of heroin compared to
77.3kg during just the first six months of 2006; in addition
police seized 75kg in one bust last month. Police and the
local DEA office note increases in usage and transit of opium
originating from Afghanistan in all forms.

-- The Central Bureau of Investigations notes that heroin
seized in Poland this year has been of extremely high
quality. The 75kg seizure noted above was pure heroin
destined for Spain.

-- Heroin is a drug of top concern regarding transit. Police
estimate that 70 percent of heroin in Poland is ultimately
destined for another market.
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